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Ms. Deborah Taylor Tate, Chairman Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, TN 37243-0505

Re:

Tennessee Regulatory Authority (TRA) Docket No. 01-00830 Entergy Arkansas, Inc. Request for Approval to Enter Into Certain Financing Transactions During the Years 2002 Through 2003

Dear Ms. Tate:

Pursuant to the approving Order issued December 11, 2001, in TRA Docket No. 01-00830, please find attached for filing with the TRA the original and thirteen copies of Entergy Arkansas, Inc.'s compliance financing report filed July 24, 2003, with the Arkansas Public Service Commission in APSC Reporting Docket No. 86-033-A and APSC Docket No. 01-221-U.

This report is in regard to EAI's June 25, 2003, issuance of \$115 million aggregate principal amount of First Mortgage Bonds.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to call me at 501-377-5489.

Sincerely,

William R. Morgan

Manager, Regulatory Affairs

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Attachments



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Steven K. Strickland Vice President Regulatory Affairs

July 24, 2003

Ms. Diana Wilson, Secretary Arkansas Public Service Commission P. O. Box 400 1000 Center Street Little Rock, AR 72203-0400

Re:

Originating Docket:

01-221-U

Report Docket:

86-033-A

Pursuant to Order No. 2

In the Matter of the Application of Entergy Arkansas, Inc.

for Authorization to Enter Into Certain Financing Transactions During the Years 2002 Through 2003

Dear Ms. Wilson:

Please find attached the original and thirteen copies of Entergy Arkansas, Inc.'s report to the Commission in the above-styled proceedings regarding its June 25, 2003, issuance of \$115,000,000 aggregate principal amount of First Mortgage Bonds. This report is required under Order No. 2 in Docket No. 01-221-U.

Please file this letter and the attached report in the appropriate docket.

Sincerely,

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ENTERGY ARKANSAS, INC.

ISSUANCE OF FIRST MORTAGAE BONDS: \$115,000,000 5% SERIES DUE JULY 1, 2018

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

TRANSACTION ANALYSIS AND RESULTS

On Wednesday, June 25, 2003, Entergy Arkansas, Inc. ("EAI"), issued \$115,000,000 aggregate principal amount of First Mortgage Bonds at an interest rate of 5%. The net proceeds will be used to redeem prior to maturity \$115 million principal amount of our First Mortgage Bonds, 6.65% Series due August 1, 2005. First Mortgage Bonds proved to be the best method for financing due to lower pricing and better demand (as compared to unsecured debt) in the current market environment. The new bonds mature in fifteen years and are callable at par after five years. Because EAI currently does not have any bonds registered with the SEC pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, the new bonds were issued pursuant to SEC Rule 144A (unregistered). EAI has 315 days to register new bonds and finalize the offering to exchange them for the unregistered bonds which were issued.

The net proceeds from the issuance were \$113,526,850 after deducting underwriting expenses and initial offering discount. Additional expenses are estimated to be approximately \$150,000. Actual expenses will not be known for several months subsequent to closing.

SUMMARY OF TERMS

Principal Amount: \$115,000,000 Maturity Date: 7/1/2018

Optional Call Provisions: "Make-Whole" call until 7/1/08, then callable at par

<u>Underwriters</u>: McDonald Investments and Wachovia (Joint

Book-Runners)

SG Cowen and Stephens Inc. (Co-Managers)

10 Year Treasury Yield @ Pricing: 3.358%
Spread to Treasury: 1.70%

Yield to Public: 5.058% Coupon Rate: 5.058%

Coupon Rate: 5%
Price to Public: 99.394%

Underwriters' Compensation: 0.675%
Price to Company: 98 7199

<u>Price to Company</u>: 98.719% <u>Proceeds to Company</u>: \$113,526,850

JOURNAL ENTRIES

Exhibit A shows journal entries related to the issuance of the new series of First Mortgage Bonds.

ENTERGY ARKANSAS, INC. ENTRIES TO RECORD THE ISSUANCE OF \$115,000,000 FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS

Entry No. 1

Cash Unamortized Debt Expense – FMB (Underwriting Fee) Unamortized Discount on Long Term Debt

Long Term Debt - First Mortgage Bonds

\$113,526,850

\$776,250 \$696,900

\$115,000,000

To record the sale of \$115,000,000 principal amount of 5% Entergy Arkansas, Inc. First Mortgage Bonds, due July 1, 2018, and the related underwriting fee and issuance discount.

Entry No. 2

Unamortized Debt Expense - FMB

Cash

\$*

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To record expenses in connection with the issuance of \$115,000,000 principal amount of 5% Entergy Arkansas, Inc. First Mortgage Bonds, due July 1, 2018 (*Total expenses are estimated to be approximately \$150,000. Actual expenses will not be known for several months subsequent to closing.)

Entry No. 3

Amortization - Discount on Long Term Debt Unamortized Discount on Long Term Debt

\$46,460

\$46,460

To record the annual amortization of debt discount in connection with the issuance of \$115,000,000 principal amount of 5% Entergy Arkansas, Inc. First Mortgage Bonds, due July 1, 2018.

Entry No. 4

Amortization - Expenses for Long Term Debt

\$51,750

Unamortized Debt Expense for Long Term Debt

\$51,750

To record the annual amortization of underwriting fee in connection with the issuance of \$115,000,000 principal amount of 5% Entergy Arkansas, Inc. First Mortgage Bonds, due July 1, 2018.

Entry No. 5

Long Term Debt

Unamortized Loss

Unamortized Expense Unamortized Discount

Cash

\$115,000,000

\$364,589

\$18,247 \$346,342

\$115,000,000

To record the unwinding of the \$115,000,000 principal amount of 6.65% Entergy Arkansas, Inc. First Mortgage bonds due August 1, 2005 being redeemed in connection with the issuance of \$115,000,000 principal amount of 5% Entergy Arkansas, Inc. First Mortgage Bonds, due July 1, 2018.

ENTERGY ARKANSAS, INC.

I, Nathan E. Langston, Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer, attest on this 23²⁴ day of July, 2003, that the journal entries attached as Exhibit A correctly reflect the effect of the sale on June 25, 2003 of \$115,000,000, 5% Entergy Arkansas, Inc. First Mortgage Bonds due July 1, 2018.

Nathan E. Langston

Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer